

# HOW DEAR AND TREASURED IS THE CHURCH

INTRO 4/4 em D | em | em D | em

VERSE 1  
em am bm am em B7 em  
How dear and treasured is the church  
em am7 D G em D am B7  
With voices joined in praise and prayers  
G C G D/F# G am7 D G  
For God has made us one in Christ  
G C am G/B D em B7 em  
To share our sorrows, joys, and cares

VERSE 2  
em am bm am em B7 em  
Entrusted with the truth of God  
em am7 D G em D am B7  
Called out to make the gospel known  
G C G D/F# G am7 D G  
We boldly as His church proclaim:  
G C am G/B D em B7 em  
There's grace and hope in Christ alone!

VERSE 3  
em am bm am em B7 em  
God fashions us as living stones  
em am7 D G em D am B7  
Assembled as His dwelling place  
G C G D/F# G am7 D G  
Though we were dead, He gives us life  
G C am G/B D em B7 em  
Each soul a mir-a-cle of grace

**VERSE 4** *em am bm am em B7 em*  
**Built as a buttress of the truth**  
*em am7 D G em D am B7*  
**A pillar rising to the sky**  
*G C G D/F# G am7 D G*  
**God sets His church before the world**  
*G C am G/B D em B7 em*  
**His Word and name to magnify**

**VERSE 5** *em am bm am em B7 em*  
**To all the world we test-i-fy**  
*em am7 D G em D am B7*  
**Our lives display in word and deed**  
*G C G D/F# G am7 D G*  
**The matchless worth of knowing Christ**  
*G C am G/B D em B7 em*  
**The boundless depth of our great need**

**VERSE 6** *em am bm am em B7 em*  
**Brought near to God by Christ's shed blood**  
*em am7 D G em D am B7*  
**Loved and adopted as His own**  
*G C G D/F# G am7 D G*  
**A household built upon the Word**  
*G C am G/B D em B7 em*  
**With Christ Himself the Cornerstone**

**VERSE 7** *em am bm am em B7 em*  
**Built on this Rock, the church will stand**  
*em am7 D G em D am B7*  
**The gates of hell shall not prevail**  
*G C G D/F# G am7 D G*  
**All who are Christ's shall be raised up**  
*G C am G/B D em B7 em*  
**The Word of God will never fail**

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